

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claim 54, 66, 93 and 97 with the following amended Claims:

*G1* 54. (amended) A soluble, recombinant protein comprising a portion of a *Clostridium botulinum* toxin wherein the portion ranges in size from four amino acid residues to the entire protein minus one amino acid.

*G2* 66. (amended) A host cell containing a recombinant expression vector, the vector encoding a soluble protein comprising at least a portion of a *Clostridium botulinum* toxin wherein the portion ranges in size from four amino acid residues to the entire toxin minus one amino acid.

*G3* 93. (amended) A composition comprising a non-toxin protein sequence and a portion of a soluble, recombinant *Clostridium botulinum* toxin wherein the composition is substantially endotoxin-free wherein the portion ranges in size from four amino acid residues to the entire toxin minus one amino acid.

*G4* 97. (amended) The composition of claim 93 wherein the *Clostridium botulinum* toxin comprises a portion of SEQ ID NO:28.

*G5* *contd* Please add new Claims 110 to 112 as follows:

110. (new) A soluble, recombinant protein consisting essentially of a portion of a *Clostridium botulinum* toxin wherein the portion ranges in size from four amino acid residues to the entire protein minus one amino acid of SEQ ID NO: 28.

111. (new) The soluble, protein of claim 110 where said toxin is substantially endotoxin free.